

Remarks

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application, of which claims 1-12 have been rejected and the drawings have been objected to by the Examiner. By this paper, Applicant adds new claims 13-20, and provides replacement and new drawings.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.83(a), (b). According to the Examiner, “the canopy frame sliders 125 must be clearly shown.” Accordingly, Figure 1 in the replacement sheet clearly shows the canopy frame slider 125. Additionally, new Figures 1a and 1b have been added to enlarge the views of the sliders 120, 125. Further, Figures 2 and 3 have been provided in a replacement sheet as formal figures.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. 2003/0029490 to Price et al.

Claim 1 requires both “a set of four scissor assembly sliders” and “a set of four canopy frame sliders.” Price et al. fails to disclose both sets as claimed and therefore claim 1 is not anticipated by Price et al.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and therefore are not anticipated for at least the reasons stated above with reference to claim 1. Additionally claims 2-5 include further novel features not disclosed in Price et al.

The Examiner indicates that “claim 1 fails to specify that the canopy frame sliders are independent and distinct from the scissor sliders.” Accordingly, claim 13 has been added by this paper, which depends from claim 1 and claims that each canopy frame slider is

independent of the corresponding scissor assembly slider. This limitation is not disclosed in Price et al. and therefore claim 13, and new claims 14-16 which depend from claim 13, are not anticipated by Price et al.

Claim 6 requires “each scissor assembly slider being slidably coupled to a different one of the four corner support members” and “each sleeve being slidably coupled to a different one of the four canopy support members.” The sliders 122 of Price et al. are not slidably coupled to both the corner support members and the canopy support members. In contrast the sliders 122 of Price et al. are slidably coupled to the corner support members only. Therefore claim 6 does not read on Price et al. and claim 6 is not anticipated thereby.

Claims 7-12 depend from claim 6 and therefore are not anticipated for at least the reasons stated above with reference to claim 6. Additionally claims 7-12 include further novel features not disclosed in Price et al.

Claim 17 has been added by this paper, which depends from claim 6 and claims that each sleeve is independent of the corresponding scissor assembly slider. This limitation is not disclosed in Price et al. and therefore claim 17, and new claim 18 which depends from claim 17, are not anticipated by Price et al.

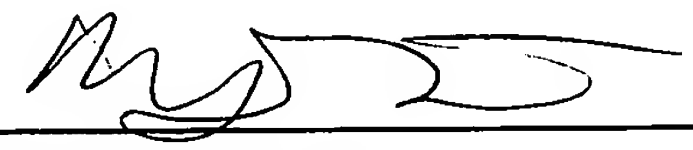
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$320.00 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee of \$120.00 and the additional claims filing fee of \$200.00. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet(s) including Fig. 1.

The attached sheets of drawings include new Figures 1a and 1b.

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 2 and 3. This sheet which includes Figures 2 and 3 replaces the original sheets including Figures 2 and 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets and New Sheet